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**SRI S. NAGARAJA MONTGAR :** விநியோகம் செய்யும்போது ஜில்லா கலெக்டர்கள் முதலானவர்கள் ஜில்லா டெவலப்மெண்ட் கவுன்ஸிலினுடைய ஆலோசனைகளைக் கேட்கின்றார்களா ?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** டெவலப்மெண்ட் கவுன்சில் ஆலோசனை சொல்லலாம். ஆலோசனை சொன்னபிறகுதானே கேட்பார்களா என்று சொல்ல முடியும் ? சொல்லக்கூடிய ஆலோசனையைச் சொல்லலாம்.

### *Agri-Horticulture Society*

\* 735 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have examined the origin of the grant to Agri-Horticulture Society; and

(b) if so, the result thereof ?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agri-Horticultural Society which was started in 1835 received in 1844 a monthly grant of Rs. 150, which in 1855 was raised to Rs. 250 per mensem. Besides this, the Society was getting Rs. 500 as an extra grant annually and another amount of Rs. 500 in connection with the annual flower show held by it. These grants continued up to February 1922, when the Government decided that the grant to the Society should be limited to the amount of subscription the Society itself is able to collect. The question was reviewed again in 1953 and it has been decided that the same principle should be followed.

### *Dowry Prohibition Bill*

\* 736 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Central Government have asked the opinion of the State Government on the Dowry Prohibition Bill, 1959 ; and

(b) if so, the reply sent by the Government ?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Is the Hon. Minister aware that because of the evil of dowry system, women of 30 years and above still remain unmarried, and if so, will the Government recommend the abolition of the dowry system to the Government of India ?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** The hon Member is aware that a legislation on those lines is before the Parliament. So we will wait and see what the Parliament is deciding about it.

### *Clash between Students and Police*

\* 737 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED ;**

**SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN :** } Will the Hon. Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any clash between the Police and the students in Madras City on 20th February 1960, and if so, the action taken on the same ; and

(b) whether Police constables belonging to Vepery and Kilpauk Police stations were suspended in this connexion ?

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**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:** (a) & (b) The Commissioner of Police has ordered an enquiry into the matter. The report of the Commissioner is awaited. A detailed statement will be placed on the table of the House shortly.

**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** What was the cause for such a clash?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** Sir, the hon. Member may await the detailed statement that I will place on the table of the House.

**SRI K. VINAYAKAM :** Sir, is there any truth in the statement made by the students who alleged that the police constables in question were riding on the cycles during night without lights and only on questioning them, this clash arose?

**THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :** I am sorry I cannot give any information with reference to this supplementary question until I have a full report from the Commissioner of Police.

*School Improvements' Scheme.*

\* 738 Q.—**SRI S. LAZAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the custodians of the money and materials collected under the School Improvements' Scheme; and

(b) how much of them have been spent or used as the case may be?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** (a) The custodian of the money and materials collected under the School Improvements' Scheme is generally one of the following :—

(1) The person to whom the donor entrusts the gifts, articles or cash donations;

(2) A committee formed for the purpose of implementing the scheme or the Manager or Headmaster of the school concerned.

(3) An agent of the donor.

(4) The donor himself.

(b) The information is not readily available.

**SRI A. VEDARATHNAM :** இதுவரை நடந்த பள்ளிச் சீரமைப்பு மாநாடுகள் மூலமாக நம்முடைய மாநிலத்தில் வசூலாகியிருக்கும் பணமும் சாமான்களும் எவ்வளவு மதிப்புக்கு இருக்கும் என்பதைத் தயவுசெய்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்க முடியுமா?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** இதுவரை வசூலாகியிருப்பது பற்றி திட்டவாட்டமான புள்ளிவிவரம் இங்கு இல்லை. எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவரை சொல்கிறேன்—இரண்டு கோடி ரூபாய்க்குப் பக்கம் இதுவரை சாமான்களாகவும் பணமாகவும் வசூலாகியிருக்கிறது. அதற்குமேல் இரண்டு கோடி ரூபாய் அளவுக்குக் கொடுப்பதாக வாக்குறுதிகள் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

**SRI K. VINAYAKAM :** May I know why the School Improvements' Scheme is not being implemented in the City of Madras? Also, will the Government take steps to instruct the officers concerned to effect this scheme in the City also?

**THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :** This is a voluntary movement and if the hon. Member also takes some interest, perhaps he can organize one such thing.